

SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name Sodium tetraborate decahydrate
CAS number 1303-96-4
Synonyms Sodium borate decahydrate; Borax

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses Laboratory chemicals.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company Lab Alley, LLC
 12501 Pauls Valley Road
 Austin, Texas 78737
 U.S.A.

Telephone 512-668-9918
Fax 512-886-4008

1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # US & Canada: 1-800-535-5053 INFOTRAC
 International 1-352-323-3500 INFOTRAC

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Reproductive Toxicity Category 1B

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard statements

May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.

Precautionary statements

Prevention: Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use personal protective equipment as required.

Response: IF exposed or concerned, get medical attention/advice.

Storage: Store locked up.

Disposal: Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

None identified.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Components

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Concentration
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	Sodium borate decahydrate; Borax	1303-96-4	100%
Sodium tetraborate	Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	1330-43-4	-

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

General advice

If inhaled

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.

In case of skin contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

In case of eye contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

If swallowed Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

None reasonably foreseeable.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required. Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO₂). Dry chemical. Chemical foam.

Unsuitable extinguishing media No information available.

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.
Hazardous Combustion Products: Oxides of boron. Sodium oxides.

5.3 Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NOISH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

5.4 Further information

Flash Point No information available.

Autoignition Temperature No information available.

Explosion limits

Upper No data available.

Lower No data available.

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available.

Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available.

NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	0	0	N/A

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See Section 2 for full list of hazard and precaution statements.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Precautions on safe handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid dust formation. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not ingest. If swallowed, seek immediate medical assistance.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool, and well-ventilated place.

Incompatibilities

Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Finely powdered metals.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Occupational exposure limits

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Component	Type	Value
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Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	(Vacated) TWA	10 mg/m ³
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US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Component	Type	Value
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	TWA	2 mg/m ³
	STEL	6 mg/m ³

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Component	Type	Value
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	TWA	5 mg/m ³

Biological occupational exposure limits

No information available.

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Skin protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Body Protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Recommended Filter type: Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.

Control of environmental exposure

No information available.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid powder
Appearance	White
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	9 (5% aq.sol. 20°C)
Melting Point/Range	> 1000 °C / > 1832 °F
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limit	No data available
Upper	
Lower	
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Density	No information available
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temp	Not applicable
Decomposition Temp	> 100°C
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	B ₄ Na ₂ O ₇ ·10H ₂ O
Molecular Weight	381.36 g/mol
VOC Content(%)	No information available
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidising

9.2 Other safety information

No information available.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

No information available.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

None under normal processing.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to air. Incompatible products. Avoid dust formation.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Finely powdered metals.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Oxides of boron, Sodium oxides.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Product Information, Component Information

Acute toxicity

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	5660 mg/kg (Rat)	> 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	2.03 mg/L (Rat)

Skin corrosion/irritation

No information available.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Irritating to eyes.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

May cause irritation of respiratory tract.

Germ cell mutagenicity

No information available.

Carcinogenicity

Component	CAS	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	1303-96-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

None known.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

None known.

Reproductive toxicity

Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals. May cause harm to the unborn child.

Chronic effects

No information available.

11.2 Additional Information

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Product		Species	Test Results
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	EC50	Freshwater Algae	2.6-21.8 mg/L, 96h 158 mg/L, 96h
	LC50	Freshwater Fish	340 mg/L, 96h 708 mg/L, 96h
	EC50	Water Flea	1085 - 1402 mg/L, 48h

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Persistence is unlikely.

12.3 Bio accumulative potential

No information available.

12.4 Mobility in soil

Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No information available.

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No information available.

12.7 Other adverse effects

No information available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste Disposal Methods

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US) Not regulated.

IMDG Not regulated.

IATA Not regulated.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not applicable.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not regulated.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous

See Section 2 for more information.

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act

Not regulated.

FEMA Priority Substances Respiratory Health and Safety in the Flavor Manufacturing Workplace

Not listed.

US state regulations

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Listed, Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (CAS #1303-96-4).

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Listed, Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (CAS #1303-96-4).

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

Listed, Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (CAS #1303-96-4).

California Proposition 65

Not listed.

SECTION 16: Other information

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SECTION 17: Disclaimer

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